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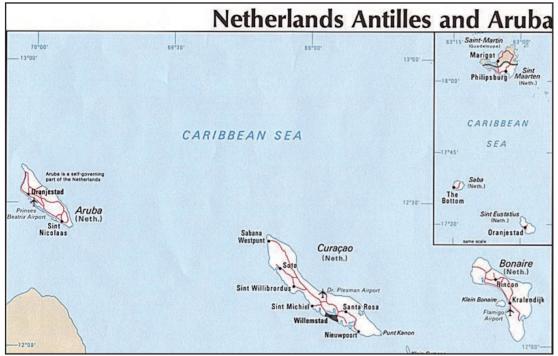
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October 10, 2010 (10-10-10) End of the road for Dutch Antilles



THE HAGUE, The Netherlands (AFP) - The Dutch Antilles will stop existing from tomorrow when two of its islands become independent states in the Kingdom of the Netherlands and three become Dutch municipalities under a pact concluded last month.

Until now, the Netherlands and its former colonies, the five-island Antilles and the neighbouring Caribbean isle of Aruba, were independent member countries of the Kingdom of the Netherlands.

But under the new deal, the Antillean islands of Curacao and St Maarten will become independent states in the Kingdom, while Bonaire, Saba and St Eustatius will become Dutch municipalities

"After midnight tonight, the country known as the Dutch Antilles will no longer exist," Dutch interior ministry spokesman Thijs Manten told AFP. "The composition of the Kingdom of the Netherlands will change."

From tomorrow, the kingdom will consist of the Netherlands, Aruba and the two largest ex-Antillean islands: Curacao with about 150,000 inhabitants and St Maarten with about 40,000

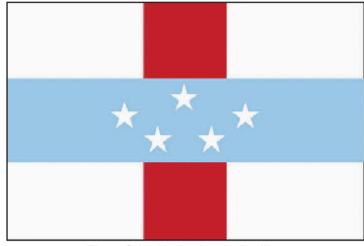
The islands of Bonaire, Saba, and St Eustatius, with less than 20,000 inhabitants between them, will become special-status Dutch municipalities.

The changes reflect the wishes of a majority of voters in referenda held on the islands, leading to the signing of a final pact by the Antilles, the Netherlands and Aruba on September 9.

Curacao and St Maarten will each have their own parliament, government, prime minister and currency: the guilder.

Bonaire, Saba and St Eustatius will switch to the US dollar and have "island councils" akin to municipal councils. Their inhabitants will vote for the national Dutch government.

The three new municipalities will have to adopt many Dutch laws. The most contentious among them, allowing



Flag of the Netherlands Antilles

for abortion, gay mar- riage and euthanasia, will be systematically adopted over a period of two years, said Manten.

"The big benefit of all this is that a country that did not function properly (the Antilles) will stop existing," he added. "It will free the islands from a lot of debt and allow them to make a fresh start, creating space for new policy formulation and spending on things like health and education."

Under the deal, the Dutch government would take over 70 percent of the debt of the Antilles, estimated at some 1.7 billion euros (2.4 billion dollars)

Aruba's Prime Minister Eman comments on this historical date 10-10-10

"We looked too much on what divides us instead to look on what unites us." That were the words of PM Eman regarding the questions on the relation of the islands after 10.10.10. "Aruba will continue cooperating with the rest of the islands. Aruba is already cooperating with the formalization of governmental changes just as the Antilles did when Aruba got its Status Aparte in Jaunary 1, 1986.

Eman expressed his satisfaction that Holland will continue forming part of the island's new governmental structure. "Cooperation and goals has to be defined. What can Aruba offer to Holland to open and get cooperation from the Latin America market. The position of the ABC islands is excellent and we must make good use of it. We must attract markets like Brazil," he added.

"The relations between the three islands must intensify to, together, look into the possibilities for a stronger bond with Europe," he concluded.



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Liu, who has been detained

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Jailed Chinese dissident Liu Xiaobo wins Nobel Peace Prize

OSLO, Norway (AFP) - Jailed Chinese dissident Liu Xiaobo won the 2010 Nobel Peace Prize yesterday, sparking a furious backlash from Beijing and renewed Western calls for his immediate release.

The 54-year-old writer and university professor was honoured "for his long and non-violent struggle for fundamental human rights in China," Norwegian Nobel Committee chairman Thorbjoern Jagland said in his announcement.

"The Norwegian Nobel Committee has long believed that there is a close connection between human rights and peace," he added.

Liu was sentenced last December to 11 years behind bars for subversion, following the 2008 release of "Charter 08," a manifesto for reform signed by more than 300 Chinese intellectuals, academics and writ-

He is one of only three people to win the Peace Prize while in prison, after 1991 laureate Aung San Suu Kyi of Myanmar and German pacifist



Liu Xiaobo

Carl von Ossietzky, who was in a Nazi jail when he won in

Following yesterday's announcement, US President Barack Obama, the 2009 Peace laureate, called for Liu's release, as did a number of European governments and human rights groups.

Two other former Peace Prize winners, the Dalai Lama and Lech Walesa of Poland, also hailed Liu's win and called

Hurricane Otto forms in Atlantic

MIAMI, Florida (AFP) Hurricane Otto, the eighth hurricane of the 2010 season. formed in the Atlantic yesterday east of the Caribbean, the Miami-based National Hurricane Center said.

The center of Otto was some 1,600 kilometers (1,000 miles) east of Miami and 715 kilometers (445 miles) south of Bermuda, the NHC said.

The storm was moving away from land towards the northeast into the open Atlantic at at around 28 kilometers (17 miles) per hour.

Otto has maximum sustained winds of 120 kilometers (75 miles) an hour, making it a category one hurricane on the five-level Saffir-Simpson scale, the NHC

Hungarian town mourns dead, missing in toxic sludge disaster

KOLONTAR, Hungary (AFP) - "I don't know what Janos is going do when he gets home from hospital and his poor wife is still missing," Janosne Takacs says with tears in her

She and her husband are standing in front of what is left of the house of her 76-year-old cousin, Janosne Szanyi, who has been missing since a tidal wave of toxic sludge slammed through this tiny village in western Hungary four days

Seven people from Kolontar died when the residue reservoir of an alumina processing plant in nearby Ajka burst, spewing out 1.1 million cubic meters of toxic sludge and causing an ecological catastrophe in the area.

Five of the victims have been identified. Two, whose bodies were found in another village Devecsar a few kilometres away, have not and one more person is still missing.

It remains unclear whether Szanyi is the person still missing or whether she is one of the bodies that have been found in the sludge.

Kolontar -- which is just a stone's throw away from the reservoir -- remains a scene of devastation.

Cars that were overturned and swept away by the flood remain in the gardens and fields, broken furniture and debris are strewn everywhere.

Police and soldiers have set up checkpoints to control who enters and leaves the area, with only rescue teams, local residents and journalists allowed to pass.

The rain from earlier in the week has given way to sunshine, drying the remains of the caustic, foul-smelling mud that still covers everything into powder.

And those residents who have returned to try and salvage what is left of their belongings are wearing face masks so as not to inhale the dust.

One of the volunteer rescue workers, who would only give his first name as Tibor, explained that the roads were being sprayed with water to hold the dust down, "otherwise we would be breathing this in all day long."

The army has built a temporary bridge in the village to replace one that was washed away in the disaster. It was the area on the far side of the bridge that bore the brunt of the flood's force and the checkpoint to that part of the village remains closed.

When Prime Minister Viktor Orban visited Kolontar earlier this week, he estimated it would be too difficult to rebuild that part of the village and a new area would have to cleared for reconstruction.

But locals said they were probably not likely to return here anyway.

Flemish nationalist asked to revive Belgian government talks

BRUSSELS, Belgium (AFP) -Belgian King Albert II tapped yesterday the head of the Flemish nationalist N-VA party to make another attempt at forming a government, giving him 10 days to try to resurrect talks, the palace said.

The king asked Bart De Wever "to undertake a 10-day clarification mission with the seven parties that had been part of the negotiations to narrow their differences" on the main points of divergence which had led the talks to collapse on Monday, the palace said in statement.

Belgium has been without a government since June elections in which the separatist N-VA came out on top in Flanders.

After an earlier round of talks led by French-speaking Socialist leader Elio di Rupo reached a dead end in early September, De Wever was charged with trying to put together a coalition.

The separatist N-VA wants the country's three regions --Flanders, Wallonia and Brussels -- to be able to separately raise income taxes, currently a function of the federal state.

But francophones fear their Wallonia region, already less wealthy than its northern neighbour Flanders, will become poorer under such a fiscal reform and warn it could lead to the break-up of Belgium.

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Prime Minister Eman interviewed by Business News Radio of Holland



ORANJESTAD – Recently, Mrs. Hester van Dijk of Dutch radio BNR (Business News Radio) interviewed Aruba Prime Minister Mike Eman on the Green Energy Conference, which attracted world attention.

According to PM Eman, alternative energy is a theme that has all his attention. He elaborated to Mrs. van Dijk about the 10 windmills at Vader Piet, that were put into service December 2009. The mills generate 20% of the energy consumed on Aruba.

"Soon we will offer a bidding for 10 more wind mills in order to generate 20% more

wind energy," he expressed. There will also be a bidding for the collection of 5% solar energy

"The price of water and electricity on Aruba is high due to the continued rise in oil prices," the minister continued explaining. That is why Aruba needs to look for alternative means. Aruba, Curacao and Bonaire are on the top ten spots with efficient sources to generate sustainable energy: Sun, Wind and constant Sea current.

We must also take care of our environment for our future generation to enjoy

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grant loans at very low interest to the community to invest in solar panel and/or windmills for their homes.

During last week's Aruba Green Energy Conference, well known personalities like Al Gore, Dutch Professor and former astronaut Dr. Wubbo Ockels and our own Aruban Edward Cheung – all experts in the field of alternative energy – gave extensive lectures on this matter.

Both Mr. Gore and Dr. Ockels promised their cooperation to the Research Center on alternative energy, that will soon be established on Aruba.

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Government has taken measures to eliminate the mosquito breeding grounds at Bushiri Hotel





On Wednesday afternoon, Minister of Public Health and Sports, Richard Visser and Minister of Transport, Labor and Tourism, Otmar Oduber visited the Bushiri Hotel ruins, to check first hand on the dangerous situation reigning there. Various sites at the hotel premises have become breeding grounds for mosquitos.

Over 2007 and 2008 Aruba and the Caribbean had a similarly busy "rainy season" as this past month, resulting in a spike of reported Dengue cases because of accumulated water contributing to mosquito breeding grounds.

The hotel has been aban-

doned for five years, and now the ruins serve to house the Aedes aegypti mosquito, perpetrator of Dengue fever

The Yellow Mosquito and Fever Department was immediately notified and personnel went there to eliminate this dangerous situation.

Photo shows the situation at the Bushiri Hotel.

In her quest to promote the Aruban culture

Minister Michelle Hooyboer-Winklaar meets with Antoni Gario and Claudius Phillips



ORANJESTAD – Recently, Minister of Economic Affairs, Social Affairs and Culture, Michelle Hooyoer-Winklaar met with Antoni Gario and Claudius Phillips. The meeting was in accordance of the minister's wish for a better management of the Culture Department. The two gentlemen expressed their wishes, ideas and suggestions on how to improve the promotion of our culture.

Minister Hooyboer-Winklaar reviewed her ideas on the management regarding Aruba's culture with them to see how to include them all in order to elevate our culture to a higher level. Both gentlemen and the minister agreed on the fact that there is space to do more to preserve our culture, and will surely meet again in the near future to continue interchanging ideas on this matter.

Soon we will see positive changes coming out of this meeting.



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Painting is by Rembrandt not his pupil, Dutch museum says



THE HAGUE, The Netherlands (AFP) – A painting attributed for 300 years to a pupil of Dutch artist Rembrandt van Rijn was in fact the work of the 17th century master himself, a Rotterdam museum said Wednesday.

"Up to now, we thought that the canvas was painted by a student of Rembrandt," Boijmans van Beuningen museum spokeswoman Carola de Groen told AFP of the work entitled "Tobias and His Wife".

But Dutch Rembrandt expert Ernst van de Wetering presented a report this week with evidence that the work was of

the master himself.

"We have just been informed that Museum Boijmans van Beuningen has a new Rembrandt in the collection," said a statement.

The oil painting of 40.3 centimeters (about 16 inches) high and 54 cm wide was given to the museum on loan by an art foundation in 1972 as an example of the work of one of Rembrandt's students.

Since its authentication, the painting has been valued at eight million euros (11 million dollars) -- up from an estimation of 80,000 euros last week, de Groen said.

The work, which depicts a man and his wife by an open hearth, is on display for a month.

The statement said that Van de Wetering had based his conclusion on similarities between "Tobias and His Wife" and other works by Rembrandt, and a "specific feeling for detail" similar to the master's work of the 1640s.

"The application of perspective in the work and the step in the foreground all suggest that the work is a genuine Rembrandt," it said under the heading "No Doubt".

1.5 million copies of Bush memoir to hit shelves

NEW YORK (AFP) – One and a half million copies of George W. Bush's memoir hit the shelves next month, along with an e-book version containing a video message from the former president and his home movies, Crown publishers said yesterday.

"Decision Points" goes on sale in the United States and Canada on November 9, a week after mid-term congressional elections are predicted to see heavy gains for Bush's Republican Party.

The huge print run is equivalent to that for former Democratic president Bill Clinton's book, "My Life," which was a runaway hit.

Bush left office in 2009 with rock bottom popularity due to the US economic crisis and wars in Iraq and



Afghanistan.

But Crown, part of Random House, said in a statement that Bush's book, priced at 35 dollars, would be

"news-making" and would "bring history alive for readers"

Innovations include an interactive e-book with the president's most memorable speeches, a video introduction by Bush, "intimate Bush family movies" and handwritten letters from his correspondence collection.

""Decision Points' is a nontraditional presidential memoir that renders in vivid detail the circumstances in which President Bush made some of the most historically defining decisions of our era," Tina Constable, senior vice president at Crown, said.

A cloth-bound, signed version of the print book will go on sale for 350 dollars on November 30.



The Netherlands presents Vietnam with 'Thang Long-Hanoi' tulip



HANOI, Vietnam -- The Netherlands has given a new tulip species called Thang Long – Hanoi to the Vietnamese capital city for its millennial anniversary.

The new tulip species was presented to Prime Minister Nguyen Tan Dung by Prime Minister Jan Peter Balkenende during their meeting this week at the sidelines of the eighth Asia-Europe Meeting in Brussels.

The Hanoi People's Committee received the flowers together with an international certificate for the species the day after.

According to Joop Scheffers, the Dutch ambassador in Vietnam, the species was named Thang Long – Hanoi, because Dutch biologists combined red and yellow tulips to produce it – the colors of the Vietnamese flag.

It was a gift representing the two countries' friendship, he said, adding that the Netherlands will transfer flower-growing knowledge and technology to Vietnam.

The Hanoi People's Committee presented the ambassador with two photo books about 1,000 years of Thang Long – Hanoi.



Nobel prize will make China think twice; UN leader welcomes Nobel 'recognition'

LOS ANGELES, California (AFP) - The Nobel Peace prize award to jailed Chinese dissident Liu Xiaobo will make Beijing think twice about imprisoning critics in the future, a writer and friend of the new laureate said yesterday.

Yu Jie, who published a book critical of Chinese Prime Minister Wen Jiabao in August in defiance of a warning he could be jailed, said he stayed up late to find out who won the award -- and cried when he learned that Liu had won.

"I stayed up all night. My tears ran down," he told AFP. Liu's award drew stinging

Liu's award drew stinging criticism from Beijing as well as immediate calls from around the world for his release.

"Twenty years ago Liu Xiaobo said that China needed someone with moral clarity about what China needs. Now he has become just that person, that he himself was looking for," Yu said, speaking via a translator.

The Nobel award will make it better for other Chinese dissidents, Yu said."It will actually be much better for people like me and other critics and activists, because China will



Protestors demonstrate to free Liu Xiaobo, who won the 2010 Nobel Peace Prize, near the China Liason Office in Hong Kong on October 8, 2010

think twice before they put another person like Liu Xiaobo in prison."

Yesterday the author said the Nobel award for his fellow writer -- whom he calls a "close friend" -- made him happier to return to China.

Ann Lau, an Los Angelesbased Chinese rights activist involved in organizing Yu's US trip, compared the Nobel award to the fall of the Iron Curtain in 1989.

"It was the same feeling as when the Berlin Wall came down. You wanted to cry you wanted to yell, so much emotion, finally we can see some light at the end of the tunnel," she said.

UN Secretary General Ban

Ki-moon welcomed Chinese dissident Liu Xiaobo being awarded the 2010 Nobel Peace Prize, saying the move recognized a global effort to improve human rights.

Liu's Nobel "is a recognition of the growing international consensus for improving human rights practices and culture around the world," Ban

said in a statement.

"Over the past years, China has achieved remarkable economic advances, lifted millions out of poverty, broadened political participation and steadily joined the international mainstream in its adherence to recognized human rights instruments and practices," he said.

Ban expressed his "sincere hopes that any differences on this decision will not detract from advancement of the human rights agenda globally or the high prestige and inspirational power of the award."

Earlier yesterday in Geneva, UN High Commissioner for Human Rights Navi Pillay hailed Liu as vital human rights defender whose work can help China develop.

"We welcome this recognition of the very important role human rights defenders play in China and in many other countries, as well as the challenges they face," said Pillay.

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"Also the courage they so often show in speaking up for what they believe in. Advocates like Liu Xiaobo can make an important contribution to China's development," she added.



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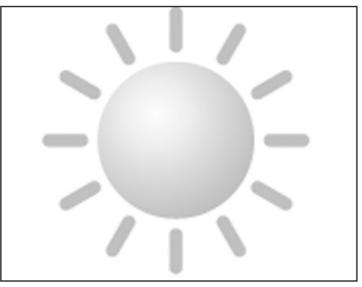
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Sci-Tech

Solar surprises raise questions for climate models



PARIS (AFP) - Scientists found that a decline in the Sun's activity did not lead as expected to a cooling of the Earth, a surprise finding that could have repercussions for computer models on climate change.

The Sun's activity is known to wax and wane over 11-year cycles, which means that in theory the amount of radiation reaching Earth declines during the "waning" phase.

The new study was carried out between 2004 and 2007 during a solar waning phase.

The amount of energy in the ultraviolet part of the energy spectrum fell, the researchers found.

But, contrary to expectation, radiation in the visible part of the energy spectrum increased, rather than declined, which caused a warming effect.

The investigation, based mainly on satellite data, is important because of a debate over how far global warming is attributable to Man or to natural causes.

Firefox 4 to add Microsoft's Bing as search option

When Firefox 4 finally makes its debut, the English language search bar will retain options for Google and Yahoo, but will also add Microsoft's Bing and ditch links to Answers.com and Creative Commons, Mozilla said in a Wednesday blog post.

"In addition to greatly improving performance, adding advanced graphics capabilities, and rethinking how people use tabs to organize their online lives, we have also been looking closely at the search options that we include in the search box, which appears to the right of the URL bar," Mozilla wrote.

Climatologists say that warming is overwhelmingly due to man-made greenhouse gases -- invisible carbon emissions from coal, gas and coal that linger in the atmosphere and trap solar heat.

But a vocal lobby of sceptics say that this is flawed or alarmist, and point out that Earth has known periods of cooling and warming that are due to variations in the Sun's output.

"These results are challenging what we thought we

knew about the Sun's effect on our climate," said lead author Joanna Haigh, a professor at Imperial College London where she is also a member of the Grantham Institute for Climate change.

"However, they only show us a snapshot of the Sun's activity and its behaviour over the three years of our study could be an anomaly."

Insisting on caution, Haigh said that if the Sun turned out to have a warming effect during the "waning" part of the cycle, it might also turn out to have a cooling effect during the "waxing" part of the cycle.

In that case, greenhouse gases would be more to blame than thought for the perceptible rise in global temperatures over the past century.

"We cannot jump to any conclusions based on what we have found during this comparatively short period," Haigh said. "We need to carry out further studies to explore the Sun's activity, and the patterns that we have uncovered, on longer timescales."

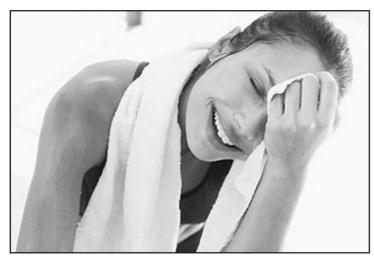
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Colin Angle, American robot venture "iRobot" chief executive displays a pure gold-plated vacuum cleaner robot "Roomba" at a press conference in Tokyo recently. Japan is the largest market for iRobot outside the United States with vacuum cleaner robot Roomba sales reaching 36 million dollars in 2009. AFP PHOTO

Health & Living

Women sweat less readily than men



Japanese researchers instructed male and female volunteers to ride an exercise bicycle at varying levels of intensity and found that men are more efficient at sweating. Basically, women need to build up more body heat than men before they start sweating.

The findings were published online and in the Oct. 1 issue of the journal Experi-

mental Physiology.

"It appears that women are at a disadvantage when they need to sweat a lot during exercise, especially in hot conditions," study coordinator Yoshimitsu Inoue, of the Laboratory for Human Performance Research at Osaka International University, said in a news release from the journal's publisher.

Inoue added that the find-

ings help improve understanding of why men and women cope differently with temperature extremes such as heat waves.

There may be an evolutionary reason why men sweat more easily than women, the study authors noted.

"Women generally have less body fluid than men and may become dehydrated more easily," Inoue said. "Therefore, the lower sweat loss in women may be an adaptation strategy that attaches importance to survival in a hot environment, while the higher sweat rate in men may be a strategy for greater efficiency of action or labor."

His advice? In hot weather, women should take more care than men. But, he added, "Both men and women can acclimate themselves better to heat if they exercise regularly before a heat wave comes."



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Can Herbal Supplements Treat Anxiety?

Herbal supplements containing kava or passionflower appear to be a safe and effective treatment for the symptoms of anxiety, a new review of existing research suggests.

Kava and passionflower have long been used in traditional medicine for their calming properties, and the herbs are now sold in stores as capsules or liquid extracts. The evidence is "strong" that such products may actually help people with anxiety, according to the review.

By contrast, the authors found insufficient evidence for the use of St. John's wort, a popular herbal remedy used primarily to treat mild depression.

Experts not involved in the study say the findings should be taken with a grain of salt, however.

The review's conclusions are "premature," says Mary Chavez, a professor of pharmacy practice at the Texas A&M Health Science Center, in Kingsville. "The studies [the authors] look at are very small and short, and they don't go into the quality of the studies. They're preliminary studies, and I think more supportive studies are needed before we can recommend such products."

Bacteria confirmed as culprit in Black Death

PARIS (AFP) - Anthropologists said on Friday they had confirmed long-running suspicions that a germ called Yersinia pestis caused the plague that wiped out an estimated third of Europe's population in the Middle Ages.

Teeth and bones sampled from 76 skeletons found in "plague pits" in France, Germany, Italy and the Netherlands and sequenced for DNA intrusion are conclusive evidence that Y. pestis was to blame, they said.

Y. pestis has been in the dock for more than a century as the source of so-called Black Death, which gripped Europe in successive outbreaks from the 14th to the 18th century.

But scientific data to convict the bacterium have until now been sketchy or debatable.

As a result, a clutch of rival theories have blossomed, including the contention that an Ebola-style virus or the anthrax germ were to blame.

The study, published in the open-access journal PLoS Pathogens, also sheds unexpected light on the geographical route taken by the germ, which is believed to have originated in central or southern Asia before arriving in Europe through trade.

"The history of this pandemic is much more complicated than we had previously thought," said Stephanie Haensch, a co-leader of the research, at Johannes Gutenberg University in Mainz, Germany.

In samples where Y. pestis genes were found, the researchers ran a test for 20 DNA markers to identify a particular bacterial strain.

They wanted to see if there was a match for either of two types of Y. pestis that are still knocking around the world today, in parts of Africa, America, the Middle East and in the former Soviet Union.

But neither of these modern types, known as Orientalis and Medievalis, showed

Instead, two unknown types were found, both of them older than today's strains and different from each other.

The map of Y. pestis' death march in Western Europe starts in November 1347, presumably driven by fleas living on rats which crept onland from a merchant ship docked at the Mediterranean French port of Marseille.

Over the next six years, it

then spread through western France to northern France and then over to England, again through commerce.

However, a different strain was found in a mass grave in Bergen op Zoom, a port in the southern Netherlands.

This suggests Y. pestis also entered Europe from the north, perhaps from Norway and via Friesland, a northern Dutch province.

After the initial surge from 1347, the panemic progressively spread around the continent, inflicting a toll that had massive social and political repercussions.

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Happy 25th anniversary Jeanne and Jeff Coons



This is the 7th trip to Aruba for Jeanne and Jeff Coons of Texas, but, this one was very special as they are celebrating their 25th year of marriage. Tuesday, October 5th, their actual Anniversary, the two of them enjoyed a very meaningful Renewal of Vows blessing on the Bucuti Beach officiated by Diane Keijzer. When they first got married, 25 years ago the ceremony was very short, too short for them, even though it was a lovely 5 minutes. This time all the really meaningful words they wanted to hear, were music to their ears. A beautiful private dinner at the Pirates Nest on the beach followed to top off the evening. One of their other very favorite restaurants on the Island is the Wacky Wahoo in Palm Beach (they went 3 times this week) where photographer Diane Keijzer (she has two hats) found them dining and took their photo. Congratulations and we look forward to seeing you back again soon.

By Diane Keijzer dianekijezer@yahoo.com

A must see while on Aruba!

The Aruba Ostrich Farm

Welcome to an activity at Aruba you can't miss! When you think of Aruba, you probably think sea, sun and beach. But Aruba has more to offer than that, there're different sort of activities you can do. A must see when you are at Aruba, is the Aruba Ostrich

Although Africa is the native land of the ostrich, this intriguing bird finds a perfect home in Aruba's rugged landscape. The Aruba Ostrich Farm welcomes you to come and meet its 80-count flock of the largest living species in the world.

Visitors are encouraged to partake in a guided tour of the farm, inhabited by both ostriches and their flightless Australian relatives, emus. The tour provides the opportunity to learn about the natural behavior and survival instincts of these amazing creatures through detailed information as well as personal encounters with the birds.



Before or after the tour, beer from the bar. guests are welcome to peruse the African Art Shop, chockfull of authentic goods from South Africa. Or simply relax in the shade of the sprawling Savanna Lodge Bar & Restaurant and sample a delicious ostrich meat dish. Enjoy the panoramic views of the island's northern coast while sipping on a fruity shake or frosty

The Aruba Ostrich Farm is dedicated to providing a memorable and unique experience for all guests. It's one of the things you have to do when you are at Aruba.

The ostrich farm is located along the road leading to the Natural Bridge (Matividiri 57). Opening hours are from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

The Queen's offers an authentic taste of Aruba!



Varella, Luisa and the next generation of chef



Grandma's stoba with classic rice and beans and homemade potato beet salad

One of the distinctions of Aruban cuisine is incorporating unique indigenous ingredients such as in Wild Cucumber Stew and a particular light fish chowder accompanied by the local specialties pan bati (corn meal pancake) and funchi (the local version of polenta.) Thus, eating out at the authentically Aruban res- taurant, The Queen's, is very affordable, with a true taste of regional cuisine.

Owner Varella Innocencia confesses she opened her restaurant in Oranjestad because "I grew up with this, and loved serving people our island food. My father and mother operated the little restaurant across from the Americana, which some may remember, the original Arawak. I remember how much our customers loved trying the local food, and they especially loved the prices!'

Varella's mom, Luisa, is still in the kitchen, conjuring up the delicious dishes that have been in her family for generations, which is acknowledged on the menu with "Carni Stoba di Mamachi"-"Grandma's Beef Stew," and their Arawak Steak.

We also bumped into island visitors Jim and Callie from Michigan, who were eager to try island food, and were more than pleased with their venture

into local cuisine. "We will definitely return to The Queen's," they affirmed, "the food was delicious and the prices are more than right."

The menu sports a variety of steaks and tenderloin, fresh caught seafood, Caribbean lobster, and of course, one of our favorites, and what we consider a true test of local cuisine, "Keshi Yena"- "Filled Cheese." This is a tasty, filling stew of chicken, with other ingredients that are handy that day, all incased in a thick skin of melted Gouda. It was very satisfying and particularly memorable paired with The Queen's garlic bread and very special Pica, a mix of chopped onions and the famous local hot pepper, Madame Janette. Not overly spicy, it lent that perfect bit of tang to this deliciously picturesque meal.

Located next to the Harbor at the end of the Weststraat, The Queen's is open from 11:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m., daily, offering indoor and outdoor dining. They also have daily specials, aside from an extensive menu; made from whatever is in sea-

We noticed a steady stream of islanders coming for lunch in the pleasant surroundings or picking up take-out containers: always a sure sign of a winner is where the locals like to eat!



A successful new event is added to the Aruba Chef/Student Culinary Festival



Guest chefs Charles de Vries, Ephriam Goeloe and Michael Deihl with Boegie Boekhoudt (3rd from left)



Organizers of the 2nd Aruba Chef/Student Culinary Festival and Competition conducted by the EPI Culinary Institute this year ventured to try an experiment that would further involve the public with the five day food festival. The inaugural Celebrity Cookout staged at the Talk of the Town Resort on Thursday evening, October 7 proved so

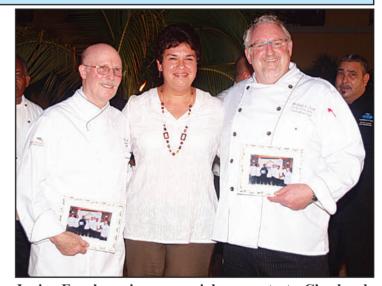
Organizers of the 2nd Aruba Chef/Student Culinary Festival and Competition conducted by the EPI Culinary that school officials confirmed it will certainly become a permanent fixture on the roster of events.

A number of island agencies, such as Compra NV, generously donated the foodstuffs to produce the feast, with wine provided by Romar Trading and Arion NV. School chefs and students presented five food sta-

tions around the TOTT pool deck from a menu devised by Lead Judge of this week's competitions and kitchen master of the East Lake Country Club in Atlanta, Georgia Chef Michael Deihl.

Families and friends enioved a fabulous night out while sampling a variety of shrimp, chicken and beef dishes prepared in the essence of regional cuisine, accompanied by local delicacies such as "Dirty Rice" or "Beet and Artichoke Heart Salad." Stations were geographically designated, with names such as Bonaire, Casibari, Oranjestad, and Palm Beach. Visitor to the event feasted on these delightful dishes for only 5 Aruban florins (\$2.75) per platter. All proceeds from the evening will finance next year's culinary festival.

Aruba's Minister of Tourism, Transport and Labor, Otmar Oduber, stopped by to



Janice Franken gives a special memento to Charles de Vries and Michael Deihl

admire this mélange of island culture and fine food. Visiting Chefs Charles de Vries and Michael Deihl enjoyed a special moment when being gifted by Janice Franken with a framed photograph from last year's event. It pictures the two chefs with her son, Randolph, who had competed and won a medal during the first festival. Unfortunately, he lost his life in a car accident this past year. This year's festival is being held in his memory,

and the final award ceremony will include a Randolph Franken Award for the most dedicated young competitor.

This poignant moment only emphasized the conviviality and hospitable ambiance of the entire evening as hundreds came to enjoy the finer things in life at bargain prices, savoring the promise of Aruba's future professional chefs.

by Rosalie Klein



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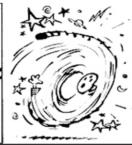
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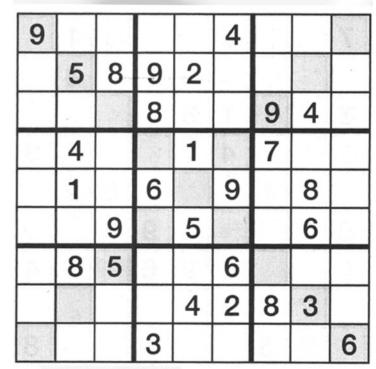
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Computer security expert shoots down '10/10/10' fears

WASHINGTON (AFP) - Computer security firm Sophos has shot down rumors that a "10/10/10" virus will strike computers at 10:00 a.m. on Sunday -- October 10, 2010.

"It's just the kind of scare that people love to murmur about, and share with their online friends, but I'm afraid it has no basis in fact," Sophos' Graham Cluley wrote in a blog post.

"Focusing on particular dates is not the way to keep your computer protected against malware attack," Cluley said.

"The truth is that there is malicious software which triggers every day of the year -- so worrying about one particular date or time is actually counter-productive, as it implies that you should take less care on other dates," he said.

"The reason why the 10th October has received a little more attention is because of the cute quirk of the numbers reading 10/10/10," he said.

"But even that's not a new idea. For instance, in the runup to March 3 2003, I had to debunk rumours that the Internet would stop working at 03/03/03," Cluley said.

"The 10/10/10 rumour, just like the 03/03/03 one, is utter codswallop."

Chinese bank chief rejects quick yuan revaluation

WASHINGTON (AFP) - China's top central banker yesterday rejected demands for a quick revaluation of the yuan, stating the emerging giant would reform gradually rather then engaging in "shock therapy."

Under fierce pressure from the United States, Europe and Japan, central bank governor Zhou Xiaochuan said the yuan would move gradually toward an "equilibrium" level.

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painfully slow in the developed world, China and other emerging markets are being asked to allow a more levelplaying field for trade.

Attempting to defuse simmering tensions, IMF chief Dominique Strauss-Kahn said China would not be expected to revalue its currency overnight.

But earlier yesterday, Treasury Secretary Timothy Geithner gave a glimpse of Washington's impatience with the pace of reform so far.

"The United States believes that global rebalancing is not progressing as well as needed to avoid threats to the global economic recovery," he told the IMF's 186 other member states.

Geithner added the solidarity shown in the wake of the global financial crisis was at risk of disappearing as countries like China fail to switch the foundation of their economies from foreign to domestic demand.

European markets shake off bad US job news, dollar steady

LONDON, Enghland (AFP) - European stock markets held firm yesterday in the face of a disappointing US jobs report that sparked a fleeting rise in the euro before the single currency turned weaker against the dollar.

Despite mounting tension on currency markets and the start of a meeting of the world's top finance chiefs in Washington, it was the latest US government assessment of the job market that preoccupied investors.

The US economy lost 95,000 jobs in September, surprising analysts who had foreseen a flat reading and suggesting the US recovery remained sluggish at best.

European stocks initially lost ground on the report but a closer reading convinced investors that there were some positive points. The unemployment rate, for example, was unchanged at 9.6 percent.

In addition government payrolls fell by a larger-than-expected 159,000 but the private-sector payroll employment rose 64,000, slightly below expectations.

"The total number was a job loss but if we strip out government, for now we are looking at private-sector payroll growth, which is positive," said Dan Greenhaus, chief economic strategist at Miller Tabak.

By the close of trade, the

London FTSE 100 index was down just 0.08 percent at 5,657.61 points. In Paris, the CAC 40 fell 0.19 percent to 3,763.18 points while in Frankfurt the DAX edged up 0.25 percent to 6,291.67 points.

"The (job) figures were mixed, even if the loss of 95,000 positions (overall) is unsettling," said Yves Marcais of Global Equities in Paris.

"In any case, we would have to see better figures if the unemployment rate is to show a sustained decline."

Elsewhere in Europe, Amsterdam fell 0.34 percent and Madrid 0.18 percent while share prices in Milan rose 0.28 percent.

Wall Street traded mostly flat. The blue-chip Dow Jones Industrial Average was up 0.25 percent mid-day, with the tech-heavy Nasdaq down 0.07 percent.

On the currency market the euro in late-day trade was at 1.3915 dollars, down from 1.3923 dollars late Thursday in New York.

The dollar was at 81.86 yen against 82.39 yen on Thursday. But the US unit at one point fell to 81.73, its lowest reading since late April 1995.

The US employment report appeared to strengthen the likelihood that the US Federal Reserve would adopt new economic stimulus

measures, likely injecting money into the economy through the purchase of bonds and other assets -- action that would depress the dollar further.

As a result the euro rose against the dollar just after the US job figures became known but the gains fizzled out on the realisation that a stronger euro threatened the competitiveness of eurozone exports.

"If the euro remained at its current level it would be consistent with a very sharp export slowdown next year and would have knock-on effects on the domestic economy too," warned analysts at Capital Economics.

Recent weeks have seen countries from Japan to Colombia intervene to stop their currencies from rising to levels that would make exports prohibitively expensive, sparking talk of a currency war among key trading nations.

"It is a very real threat and it will be in focus this weekend at the IMF-World Bank series of meetings in Washington," said GFT analyst David Morrison.

Finance ministers and central bankers from 187 countries convene for an annual meeting of the International Monetary Fund confronted by warnings that currency market competition could wreck the global recovery.

Japan cabinet approves \$61.3 bln stimulus

TOKYO, Japan (AFP) – Japan's cabinet yesterday approved a new emergency stimulus package worth 61.3 billion dollars to help shore up an economy hit hard by deflation and the impact of a strong yen.

The 5.05 trillion yen plan will be financed by an extra budget, which the government is trying to finalise by the end of this month.

But the fate of the package and the budget will hang on Prime Minister Naoto Kan's ability to muster the support of opposition lawmakers to pass them through parliament, given the ruling party's lack of a clear majority.

The stimulus is the Kan administration's second since it came to power in June and includes job programmes, welfare spending and programs for small businesses and infrastructure.

Kan came to power pledg-

ing to slash spending and work towards cutting the world's biggest industrialised debt running close to 200 percent of gross domestic product, but Japan's malaise has complicated those ambitions.

The latest stimulus also includes provisions to find new sources of rare earth minerals used in high tech components for cars and computers after Japan said China disrupted shipments following a recent territorial dispute.

If passed, the package is expected to give a boost to Japan's gross domestic product of as much as 0.6 percent while helping to safeguard jobs.

Lithuania strikes Venezuelan oil-transit deal with Belarus

VILNIUS, Lithuania (AFP) - The Baltic state of Lithuania has struck a deal to act as hub for an annual 17.5 million barrels of Venezuelan crude oil bound for landlocked neighbour Belarus, officials said yesterday.

"We have agreed to sign the accord by the end of October for the transit via Lithuania of Venezuelan oil heading to Belarus," said the Lithuanian

government's chief negotiator Deividas Matulionis.

The deal covers 2.5 million tons of crude a year, he said, or the equivalent of 17.5 million barrels. Two to three tankers a month are expected to dock in the Lithuanian port of Klaipeda.

In August, the port handled a trial shipment of almost 550,00 barrels of Venezuelan crude for Belarus

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A kitesurfer or kiteboarder uses a board with or without foot-straps or bindings, combined with the power of a large controllable kite to propel the rider and the board across the water. In 2006, the number of kitesurfers has been estimated at around 150,000 to 210,000, with 114,465 inflatable kites sold that same year.

The sport is becoming safer due to innovations in kite design, safety release systems, and instructions. Riding styles have evolved to suit riders and conditions, such as wakestyle, waveriding, freestyle, freeride, jumping, and cruising.

Kitesurfing started on the island in 1998. Armando Wester, a professional windsurfer and certified instructor, and his buddies were the first ones to introduce Kitesurfing to the island of Aruba.

Since then, they have gotten more than 5,000 visitors and locals hooked on this new adrenaline rush sport.

Their years of experience, the trade winds on the island, the beautiful Caribbean Sea and the latest equipment make it an ideal and safe place for anyone to learn to kite. Kitesurfing is a hybrid of wakeboarding, hand-gliding and windsurfing for a radical new approach of kite power.

Anyone between the ages of 8 and 77 can enjoy this sport.

So don't hesitate to call Armando or visit him at the Fisherman's huts, just north of the Aruba Marriott Resort, and see for yourself what an exhilarating rush this sport really is.

Lessons start daily at 9 a.m., 12 noon or 3 p.m.

Sunday: NFL tail-gate BBQ from 10:30 a.m. Buster's Garage in South Beach Center: One place for the whole family family

Buster's Garage, a New York City landmark, made its way to Aruba about a year ago, and found a new home at the South Beach Center across from the Radisson Resort. Dedicated to the sports fanatic, the spacious but homey interior is the perfect place to keep up with your favorite team and have a great meal.

Fun for all the family, Buster's has typical sport bar fare such as chicken wings, quesadillas, calamari rings for munching while watching the main event on 24 giant plasma screens. Every seat is good seat for catching all the action. Open from noon for lunch or dinner, it has plenty of distractions for the younger crowd, including foosball, and a video arcade, so Mom and Dad can relax and enjoy their meal.

The moderately priced menu includes all your favorite finger foods and a great selection of local and imported beers. Customer reviews gave Buster's Garage 4.5 stars out of 5 on yellowpages-aruba. com; one declared "my wife and I happened to stumble upon it -but what a find!" Another stated "Owner Rusty is so down to earth. The food was very good and the prices were outstanding for the High-Rise area. Aruba needed a place like this."

Buster's regularly organizes special events with live music. At 10 p.m. it turns into a cozy adult hangout; 18 years and over only allowed, with a DJ on duty nightly and boasting the only beerpong table on Aruba. Aside from a great place to root for the home team or your favorites during playoffs and championships, they regularly carry all UFC fights







& WWE events.

Buster's is a great place where island visitors and residents mix and mingle; Monday to Thursday they close at 2:00 am., weekends at 4:00 a.m.

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Airline "surprised" as dance safety demo goes viral

MANILA.The Phlippines – The Philippine airline whose flight attendants danced a safety demonstration to Lady Gaga said on Thursday they were "surprised" after a video of the routine became an online sensation.

Cebu Pacific Airlines, a budget airline long known for entertaining passengers with amusements such as mid-air trivia games, said they had wanted to make the safety demonstrations "fun and exciting" to get passengers to pay attention.

Instead of the usual bored



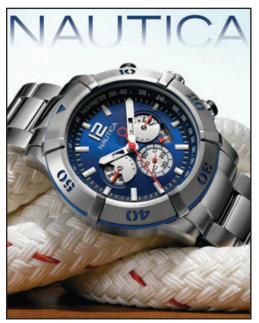
flight attendants robotically buckling seatbelts, passengers on a recent domestic flight watched as women wearing bright orange shirts and stylish pants ran down the aisles of the plane, smiling broadly.

Dancing to a mash-up of Lady Gaga's "Just Dance" and Katy Perry's "California Gurls," they strutted flirtatiously as they showed off lifejackets and bounced up and down, arms moving in rhythm, to indicate the emergency exits.

As they bopped, a sober voice-over told passengers what to do in case of an emergency landing. Passengers applauded at the end.

Posted on the internet, the video racked up more than 6 million hits in five days.

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Yves Saint Laurent

Antiquity to YSL: the Paris Fashion Week A to Z

PARIS, France (AFP) - From Antiquity to Zebra, here is an A to Z of highlights and trends for spring/summer 2011, seen at Paris Fashion Week which wrapped up on Wednesday.

ANTIQUITY: Flat sandals and draped silk toga dresses spirited Lanvin to antique Rome, Issey Miyake also had knitted toga dresses and Alexander McQueen a majestic, simple dress in pleated white with a gold belt under the chest.

rang in its 40th birthday with a magical circus show, and VIPs donned masks at a society ball to blow out 90 candles for French Vogue.

ECO-MINDED: Dresses were adorned with wheat and pheasant feathers at Mc-Queen, Vivienne Westwood had a "buy less, buy better" mantra and Jean-Charles de Castelbajac quoted the caring-for-the-planet message of the "Little Prince".

FISH-NET TIGHTS: Seen at Emanuel Ungaro and Alexis Mabille and out of context at Jean Paul Gaultier -- as a bustier over a white blouse or above the designer's trademark powderpink corset.

GLASSES: There were lollipop-coloured, 1950s pinup shades at Christan Dior, space-age visors at Pierre Cardin, and a whole top pieced together from retro



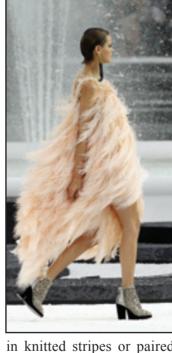
sunglasses at Jean-Charles de Castelbajac.

HEMLINES: Right on the knee for skirts, like at Valentino or Celine, sometimes lower at mid-calf or ankle length. Evening gowns swished and swept the floor.

IVORY: Designer after designer opened their shows with white.

KARLIE KLOSS: Sexy sailor for Dior, big-haired at a 1970s Sonia Rykiel or in 3-D prints at Gaultier, the US model headlined some of the week's most sought-after shows.

MINI-SHORTS: Sparkly silver under floaty seethrough tops and petticoats,



in knitted stripes or paired with sharp tailored jackets, mini-shorts were a big theme -- and nowhere more risque than at Chanel.

NINETEEN-TWEN-TIES: Gypsy shawls, feathers, fish-net, fur collars, crystal earrings and slicked back hair: the 1920s were in the air from John Galliano to Ungaro.

ÖRANGE: From Yves Saint Laurent to Kenzo, Lanvin or Dries Van Noten, paired with pink or on its own, orange was the colour of the season.

OSTRICH FEATH- ERS: Adorned a giant redand-black headdress, puffed



out jackets, spiced up hemlines -- or clothed a model head to toe at Chanel, in a coral dress that swept caressingly around the legs.

PLEATS: Swishing and dramatic at Lanvin, in an ivory dress at Chanel, at Jean Paul Gaultier, or in a clever dress that bounced up and down at the master of pleats Issey Mikaye.

ROCK AND ROLL: A punky, rocker's spirit shook up the runways at Balenciaga and Balmain while Yohji Yamamoto paid tribute to Jimi Hendrix and Gaultier invited Gossip frontwoman Beth Ditto to open his show.

SHIRTS: Dutch duo Vik-

tor and Rolf took a city shirt as the start point for their whole, playful collection, while mannish shirts set the tone at Dries Van Noten.

VETERAN MODELS: Chanel, Emanuel Ungaro, Balenciaga, Galliano: designers made space on the runways for veteran models, plus-sizes or street-casted unknowns, alongside waif-like regulars.

WINGS: An orange dress was entirely made from butterflies at McQueen, while Giles Deacon at Ungaro had giant flower-covered butterflies propped atop a gardenparty decor.

XMAS: Economic hard times may soon be behind us, but gifts and freebies -- usually a Fashion Week staple -- were in short supply, at best a make-up kit at Chanel, or a fancy tea-saucer at Shiatzy Chen.

YVES SAINT LAU-RENT: Fashionistas saw tributes to the master everywhere -- from jumpsuits to reworked tuxedos at Felipe Oliveira Baptista or Chloe, where deep blue and emerald stripes also conjured Saint Laurent's Moroccan period.

ZEBRAS: Louis Vuitton had zebra stripes of red and black or navy and turquoise, Castelbajac a full-length zebra-motif knit dress, and Sonia Rykiel's look was a riot of stripes, including on a line of pin-up knitted underwear.

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Lincecum pitches gem as Giants Euro 2012 qualifying open with win

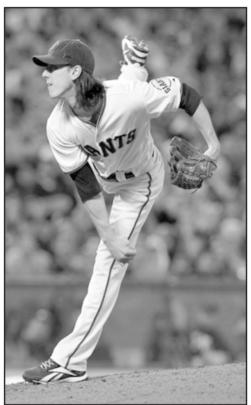
SAN FRANCISCO (AFP) -The San Francisco Giants opened their post-season on a winning note Thursday as two-time defending Cy Young Award winner Tim Lincecum struck out 14 in a 1-0 victory over the Atlanta Braves.

Lincecum was brilliant in his playoff debut, allowing only two hits and a walk while fanning 14 in a shutout, as the NL West champion San Francisco Giants edged the Atlanta Braves 1-0 in game one of their National League Division Series.

Lincecum tied a major league record for the most strikeouts in the first playoff career start, as San Francisco won their first postseason game since their last playoff appearance seven years ago.

"That's one of the best efforts I've ever seen," Giants manager Bruce Bochy said. "What a great job that kid did. He's tough.'

Cody Ross drove in the game's only run after a missed umpire call in the fourth inning. Buster Posey



Lincecum pitches against Atlanta in GM 1

had two hits, scored a run and also stole the first base of his career.

Lincecum pitched a gem, a day after Philadelphia's Roy Halladay threw only the second no-hitter in postseason history in his debut. Lincecum outdueled playoff veteran Derek Lowe.

Ross singled in the only run Lincecum needed in the fourth after Posey was called safe on a steal of second by umpire Paul Emmel. But Posey appeared to be tagged out by Brooks Conrad on the play.

"I haven't seen it," manager Bobby Cox said. "Some of the guys came down after that inning and said he was out by six, eight inches. From the dugout you can't see anything."

Lincecum threw 119-pitches in the two hours, 26 minutes game. He became just the 12th pitcher with

14 or more strikeouts in a postseason game.

This was the first 1-0 game in the playoffs in five years, when the Chicago

White Sox finished off a

World Series sweep over Houston.

PARIS (AFP) - Results of the 2012 European Championship qualifying matches

on Friday: Group A

At Vienna

results

Austria 3 (Proedl 3, Arnautovic 53, 90+2) Azerbaijan 0

At Berlin

Germany 3 (Klose 42, 87, Oezil 79) Turkey 0 At Astana

Kazakhstan 0 Belgium 2 (Ogunjimi 52, 70)

Group B

At Andorra la Vella Andorra 0 Macedonia 2 (Naumoski 42, Sikov 60)

At Yerevan

Armenia 3 (Movsisyan 23, Ghazaryan 50, Mkhitaryan 89) Slovakia 1 (Weiss 37)

At Dublin

Republic of Ireland 2 (Keane 72-pen, Long 78) Russia 3 (Kerzhakov 11, Dzagoev 29, Shirokov 50)

Group C

At Belfast

Northern Ireland 0 Italy 0 At Belgrade

Serbia 1 (Kuzmanovic 60) Estonia 3 (Kink 63, Vassiljev 73, Lukovic 90+1-og) At Ljubljana

Slovenia 5 (Matavz 25, 36, 65, Novakovic 72-pen, Dedic 84) Faroe Islands 1 (Mouritsen 90+3)

Group D

At Tirana

Albania 1 (Duro 45+2) Bosnia-Hercegovina 1 (Ibisevic 21)

At Luxembourg Luxembourg 0 Belarus 0

Group E

At Budapest

Hungary 8 (Rudolf 11, 25, Szalai 18, 27, 48, Koman 60, Dzsudzsak 89, Gera 90+4-pen) San Marino

At Chisinau

Moldova 0 Netherlands 1 (Huntelaar 37)

Group F

At Tbilisi

Georgia 1 (Siradze 90+1) Malta 0

At Piraeus, Greece

Greece 1 (Torossidis 58) Latvia 0

Group G

At Podgorica

Montenegro 1 (Vucinic 67) Switzerland 0

At Cardiff

Wales 0

Bulgaria 1 (Popov 48)

Group H

At Larnaca, Cyprus Cyprus 1 (Okkas 58) Norway 2 (J. A. Riise 2, Carew 42)

Group I

At Prague

Czech Republic 1 (Hubnik 70) Scotland 0

Playing Saturday:

Group D At Paris

France v Romania

Group F

At Ramat Gan, Israel Israel v Croatia

India's gold rush continues, Australia reign in Trap

NEW DELHI, India (AFP) -Hosts India's gold heist continued on Friday with world record holder Gagan Narang winning his third gold of the Games and teammate Vijay Kumar his second.

Those took India's tally at the range to nine golds, seven silver and one bronze. Australia bagged both the mens and women's trap pairs events.

Two times Olympic champion in Trap - Australia's Michael Diamond along with world number five Adam Vella - pipped

hosts India to the gold by one point in the men's pairs event.

Diamond with a perfect 100 and Vella with 98, totalling 198 in a keenly-contested match against former world champion Manavjit Singh Sandhu and Mansher Singh.

The Indians scored a total of 197 shots with Sandhu shooting 98 and Singh 99. England won the bronze with a total of 193 with Aaron Heading scoring 99 and Dave Kirk 94.

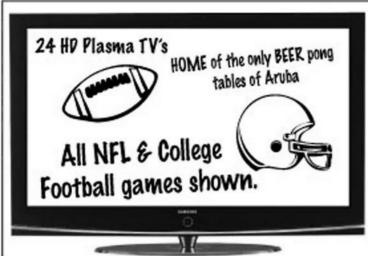
Diamond, who last shot a

perfect 100 ten years ago in the Sydney Olympics was elated at beating the Indians whom he considers strong rivals

World number three Narang, who earlier won gold in the 10m air rifle individual and pairs event, teamed up with Imran Hasan Khan to score a total of 2325 points in the finals of the 50m Rifle 3 Positions event.

The Indian duo shattered the 16-year-old Games record of Michael Dion and Wayne Sorensen, made in Victoria, Canada.





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Moss ready to join new Vikings teammates against Jets

MINNEAPOLIS (AFP) - Randy Moss practiced with the Minnesota Vikings last-Thursday for the first time since being traded from New England and told supporters he expects to reverse the club's fortunes.

The Vikings have lost two of their first three games but the return of Moss, a receiver who became an NFL star in a prior seven-year stint with Minnesota, gives quarterback Brett Favre a prime target and fans new hope.

"To all the Vikings fans that are coming to the Metrodome, pull your 84 jerseys out," Moss said. "I think this is going to be a fun ride."

Moss will play for the Vikings for the first time since his 2005 trade to Oakland when Minnesota visits the New York Jets (3-1) on Monday night.

"There's no other place I would rather get traded to," Moss said. "I thought about this time and time again. How is this thing going to play out? Is the love for me still here? All I've been seeing



Randy Moss at practice with the Vikings

is nothing but positives."

Moss was playing in the final year of a three-season contract worth 27 million dollars and said he expected not to be back with the Patriots next season.

New England gave him his wish two weeks before

the NFL trade deadline but Patriots coach Bill Belichick said Thursday that discipline problems and money were not factors in the decision, without saying what the reasons were

"There was never any incident or discipline problem

with Randy," Belichick said.
"There never has been one with me in four years. And it certainly wasn't about contract and money."

Moss caught 98 passes for 1,493 yards and 23 touchdowns two seasons ago to help the Patriots reach the Super Bowl but did not make a catch in a Monday night rout of Miami.

Belichick would only say Moss was traded for "a combination of factors" and "in the best interest of the team".

The Vikings will face the Patriots on October 31.

"I look forward to facing those guys," Moss said.

In seven prior seasons with the Vikings, Moss caught 574 passes for 9,142 yards and 90 touchdowns.

But even with Favre, who turns 41 on Sunday, back in the lineup, the Vikings have struggled, ranking among the bottom of the NFL in most passing statistics in part because Favre has lacked a threatening receiver to catch his passes.

Kansas City, the NFL's lone undefeated club at 3-0 coming off a bye week, will return to action Sunday at Indianapolis, where the Colts will try to bounce back from a last-second loss to Jacksonville that dropped them to 2-2

Sunday's other matchups find Chicago at Carolina, Tampa Bay at Cincinnati, Philadelphia at San Francisco, Green Bay at Washington, St. Louis at Detroit, Jacksonville at Buffalo, the New York Giants at Houston, Denver at Baltimore, Atlanta at Cleveland, Tennessee at Dallas, New Orleans at Arizona and San Diego at Oakland.

Pittsburgh, New England, Miami and Seattle sit out the weekend.

Premier League approves Liverpool takeover

LONDON (AFP) – The English Premier League confirmed Friday it has approved the bitterly contested take-over of Liverpool by US-based New England Sports Ventures.

A statement from the Premier League said the body had given the go-ahead to the

deal, meaning only a pending legal challenge to the takeover by owners Tom Hicks and George Gillett stands in the way of the sale.

The Premier League said it gave its approval after receiving details of the company which would control Liverpool and the make-up of the new board.

Liverpool chairman Martin Broughton has said he is confident of the deal going through despite legal action from Hicks and Gillett to stop the proposed 300-million-pound (475-million-dollar) sale.

"I am confident we will prevail, but you can never be 100 percent when you go to court," Broughton said.

The battle for control of the most successful club in English history is likely to go to the High Court in London next week.

NFL weekend schedule

Sunday, October 10

Chicago (3-1) @ Carolina (0-4)

St. Louis (2-2) @ Detroit (0-4)

Denver (2-2) @ Baltimore (3-1)

Kansas City (3-0) @ Indianapolis (2-2)

Green Bay (3-1) @ Washington (2-2)

Tennessee (2-2) @ Dallas (1-2)

Philadelphia (2-2) @ San Francisco (0-4)

Tampa Bay (2-1) @ Cincinnati (2-2) NY Giants (2-2) @ Houston (3-1)

Atlanta (3-1) @ Cleveland (1-3)

Jacksonville (2-2) @ Buffalo (0-4)

New Orleans (3-1) @ Arizona (2-2)

San Diego 2-2 @ Oakland (1-3)\

Monday, October 11

Minnesota (1-2) @ NY Jets (1-1)

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Contador goes on attack amid fresh doping claims

MADRID (AFP) - Threetime Tour de France champion Alberto Contador on Friday went on the offensive amid fresh allegations that he received a blood transfusion during this year's race.

Reports in Belgian magazine Humo alleged that he may have used banned substance Clenbuterol during the Criterium-Dauphine race in June and withdrawn blood thereafter to use for a later transfusion.

Contador had dismissed earlier claims that he took performance-enhancing products and vowed to sue anyone who made similar allegations.

"The legal team of Alberto Contador will take legal action against defamatory information published so far by various media and websites, due to their absolute lack of veracity," Contador's press agent, Jacinto Vidarte, warned.

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2009 and 2010, argues the traces of Clenbuterol that were detected came from his consumption of tainted beef from Spain.

But a report broadcast on German state-run television station ARD last week suggested that the positive test re-

Contador, 27, was provisionally suspended by the In-

ternational Cycling Union

(UCI) last week after a mi-

nuscule amount of Clen-

buterol, a weight-loss and

muscle-building drug, was found in one of his samples

after a test on July 21; the

the Tour de France in 2007,

The Spaniard, who won

Tour's final rest day.

German state-run television station ARD last week suggested that the positive test result likely occurred because he received a transfusion of his own blood that had already had traces of the drug in it.

Contador has strongly denied knowingly using Clenbuterol

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